



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA Area A Coordinator Vacancy

SEMA's Area A Coordinator position will be temporarily vacant until the position is filled. In the meantime, if an EMD needs assistance, please contact the SEMA Office in Jefferson City. During the normal business hours please contact SEMA's Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch at 573-526-9122 or 9125. After business hours in the event of an emergency, call the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

The Area A Coordinator's office is located in Kansas City. SEMA would like to fill the position ASAP. Anyone interested in applying for the Planner III position, may file his or her application electronically to the State of Missouri Office of Administration, Personnel Division. The link to the electronic filing information is: <http://www.ease.mo.gov/>

Heat Tips: Preventing Heat-Related Illness

- **Seek Air Conditioning!** The most efficient way to beat the heat is to spend time in an air-conditioned area such as your home, a mall, or public library.
- **Electric fans** may be useful to increase comfort or to draw cool air into your home at night. Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device during a heat wave. At temperatures above about 100° F, a fan may actually increase heat stress. For example, at 100° F a fan may be delivering overheated air to the skin faster than the body can get rid of this heat with sweating. The net effect is to add heat rather than to cool the body.
- **Be aware of the warning signs** of heat-related illness, such as light-headedness, mild nausea or confusion, sleepiness or profuse sweating.
- **While outdoors, rest frequently** in a shady area.
- **Scheduling outdoor activities** before noon or in the evening,
- **Wear sunscreen** to protect skin from the sun's harmful rays. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids.
- **Wear lightweight**, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- **Stay indoors and in an air-conditioned environment.**
- **Increase your fluid intake**—regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink fluids. Ensure infants and children drink adequate amounts of liquids.
- **Avoid caffeine and alcohol.** Avoid very cold beverages because they can cause stomach cramps.
- **Do not leave infants, children or pets unattended in a parked car.**

Homeland Security Planning Class for Local Governments, August 22-24

SEMA is offering *Homeland Security Planning for Local Governments*, August 22-24, at the Drury Inn, Sikeston. Send completed application to: Tina Brown, Assistant State Training Officer P.O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Phone: (573) 526-9215, Fax: (573) 634-7966, or fill out an application online at <http://training.dps.mo.gov> by August 15.

Participants will learn how to evaluate, revise, or develop a homeland security appendix to their jurisdictions existing Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Key issues addressed are vulnerability analysis, command and control for homeland security events. This course builds on existing emergency response

systems addressed in the local EOP. Participants must bring a current copy of their EOP and a map of their jurisdiction to the training. This course supplements EMI's Emergency Planning Workshop.

2006 State LEPC Conference Set for September 21-22, Springfield

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) and the Springfield/Greene County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) are jointly sponsoring the 2006 State LEPC conference, September 21-22, in Springfield.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Jerry Jaax (Emergency Preparedness, Response and Bioterrorism), and Mary Fran Ernst (Are You Sure It's A Natural Death?). There will be workshops on Communication/Public Relations, Health & Trauma, Homeland Security/Terrorism, and OSHA/Safety. A CAMEO Training Session will also be offered. Registration is \$25 before August 1 or \$100 after August 1. For more information contact Carolyn Fink at Springfield/Greene County EMA (417) 869-6040.

Want Training in Your Area????

Please submit your *local* training requests to your SEMA Area Coordinator, as soon as possible. SEMA Training Officer Jim Charrier is in the process of making the new training schedule, which starts October 1, 2006.

Missouri Receives \$756,000 for Buffer Zone Protection

Missouri will receive \$756,000 for the Buffer Zone Protection program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The FY06 Buffer Zone funds focuses on two types of risks – asset, and geographically based risks. The sites are considered sensitive. SEMA will work with selected local jurisdictions writing buffer zone protection plans for the critical sites within their jurisdiction.

The federal government used FY05 Buffer Zone funds to target 52 critical assets in Missouri. Nationally, DHS worked with states and the private sector to identify sites that represent the most at risk critical infrastructures based on analysis of consequence, vulnerability and threat data for 17 critical sectors. FY06 Buffer Zone Protection Guidelines will be posted on the SEMA homepage soon.

Missouri Overhauls Homeland Security Database

By Paul Fennwald, Homeland Security Coordinator

After conducting a three-month review of critical infrastructure sites, Missouri's Office of Homeland Security removed many Missouri-specific sites previously identified in the national database. Working with experts, state and local officials and first responders, Missouri added other sites to the national database list. Since the threat climate is always changing, the newly updated list accurately reflects a unified list of Missouri's critical infrastructure and key resources, which is reviewed annually. While, the national database list contains classified information that can only be viewed by those with security clearance or need to know basis, Missouri has no irrelevant locations in the database.

30 Citizens Councils Received Homeland Security Grants

FY05 Homeland Security grants totaling \$199,000 will support 30 local Citizen Corps Councils. The councils are grassroots volunteer organizations that help their local communities prepare for disasters. Citizen Corps Councils support: Medical Reserve Corps, Fire Corps, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Volunteers In Police Service, and Neighborhood Watch. Missouri currently has six Medical Reserve Corps units and over 100 Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

The Citizen Corps Councils receiving FY05 grant awards are: Bollinger County, Camden County, Cape Girardeau Fire Department, Chesterfield, Christian County, Clay County, Cole County, Columbia, Douglas County, Ferguson Police Department, Festus, Gladstone, Greene County, Hazelwood, Independence Fire Department, Joplin/Jasper County Emergency Management, Kirksville Fire

Department, Kirkwood, Manchester, Marion County, Meramac Valley Citizen Corps Council, Miller County Citizen Council, Perry County Health Department, Phelps County, Polk County Emergency Management, Portageville, Rock Community Fire Department, Scott County Emergency Management, Stoddard County Citizen Corps, and Willard.

Homeland Security Funds Purchase Livescan for 125 Law Agencies

Missouri used US Department of Homeland Security FY 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program (LETPP) funds to purchase 125 “Livescan” fingerprinting systems (electronic scanning of fingerprints and palms) for Missouri Police and Sheriff Departments. The Missouri Sheriffs Association and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association helped develop the recipient priority list.

Police Departments receiving Livescans are: Arnold, Ava, Ballwin, Berkeley, Bolivar, Branson, Bridgeton, Brookfield, Camdenton, Cameron, Cape Girardeau, Carthage, Chesterfield, Clayton, Cottleville, Des Peres, DeSoto, Dexter, El Dorado Springs, Eureka, Farmington, Ferguson, Foristell, Fulton, Gladstone, Grandview, Jackson, Jefferson City, Jennings, Kirksville, Lake St. Louis, Lee’s Summit, Liberty, Maryville, Mexico, Monett, Neosho, Nevada, Nixa, North Kansas City, Oak Grove, O’Fallon, Osage Beach, Overland, Poplar Bluff, Raymore, Republic, Richmond Heights, Riverside, Rolla, Sikeston, St. Peters, Sullivan, Town and Country, Troy, Union, University, Washington, Webb City, Wentzville and West Plains.

County Sheriff Departments receiving Livescans are: Atchison, Audrain, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Carter, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dallas, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Livingston, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Mississippi, Montgomery, Morgan, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Pettis, Pike, Pulaski, Ray, Reynolds, Scott, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Warren, Washington and Webster.

Executive Order Establishes Interoperable Communication Committee

Gov. Matt Blunt signed Executive Order 06-23 creating a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) to develop a communications strategic plan. A State Government Review Commission recommended that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) oversee a statewide emergency communication system. DPS Director Mark James will chair the ten-member committee under the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

The SIEC will promote effective interoperable communications among local, state, and critical infrastructure radio users in Missouri; and ensure future state radio systems comply with interoperability standards, policies, and practices. The SIEC will generate a communications strategic plan to serve as the vision to establish and maintain interoperable communications initiatives among Missouri's public safety and critical infrastructure communities.

SEMA Plans To Start Reservist Program

By Chuck May, Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch Chief

SEMA is in the early stages of developing a Missouri Emergency Management Reservist Program. The purpose of this program will be to establish a cadre of trained individuals to augment State staff and assist affected local jurisdictions with response and recovery efforts during catastrophic disasters. Types of work would include, but are not limited to, staffing the State Emergency Operations Center (or alternate), conducting damage assessments, staffing Disaster Recovery Centers, staffing the Joint Field Office, assisting with various response and recovery efforts, etc.

The specifics for this program have not been developed yet. SEMA will email the information to EMDs to determine the level of interest in such a program. If you are interested in participating in the Reservist Program, please contact your SEMA Area Coordinator.

As an initial training opportunity, SEMA will offer a two-day E-Team training course at the SEOC. Meals and lodging will be reimbursed in accordance with established training guidelines for this course. Date and time of this training will be published at a later date.

IS-702 NIMS Public Information Systems Training

By Rick Jordan, DHS Region VII, Kansas City

The public information systems described in NIMS are designed to effectively manage public information at an incident, regardless of the size and complexity of the situation or the number of entities involved in the response. This course will facilitate NIMS compliance by providing participants with the basic information and tools needed to apply the NIMS public information systems and protocols during incident management.

Local, State, Federal and Private sector public information officers can complete the course in three hours. Key points covered in the training include: NIMS public information systems including onsite operations, the Joint Information System (JIS), and the Joint Information Center (JIC), the process of gathering, verifying, coordinating, and disseminating information, and identifying agency involved in emergencies to ensure appropriate information is given to the public.

Missouri Will Conduct Disaster Related Background Checks

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the SEMA will conduct criminal background checks on volunteers and applicants during a state and national emergency. As a result of the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council, known as the Compact Council, approved Interstate Identification Index (III) for the FBI to check criminal history records to screen volunteers and displaced individuals. Initially, the FBI only granted temporarily access to the program.

The MSHP requested, and the FBI approved SEMA's request to submit fingerprints in order to conduct non-criminal justice background checks for volunteers with access to children and elderly during emergency situations.

Gliniecki Takes Leave of Absence

Effective July 5, Volunteer Organization Coordinator, Dante Gliniecki is on a leave of absence from SEMA. Randy Scrivner (573-526-9141) will be the POC for volunteer activities. Debbie Rathert will be the interim POC for the Citizen Corps program.

New Date, City Set for 2007 SEMA/MEPA Conference

The 2007 SEMA/MEPA Conference will be April 3-6, 2007, at the Chateau on the Lake Resort and Convention Center, Branson. Mark your calendars. More information will be coming as speakers and programs are confirmed.

SEMA Summer Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The SEMA Summer Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA Homepages. Please share the information with interested contacts.

- The SEMA Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>
- The Missouri Mitigation and Floodplain Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>
- The MERC Newsletter link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>

More First Responder Information Links

FireRescue Magazine official site: www.FireRescue1.com

FireRescue Conf & Expo official site: www.FireRescueExpo.com

Wildland Firefighter Magazine official site: www.WildlandFirefighter.com

The Journal of Emergency Medical Services official site: www.JEMS.com

EMS Today Conf & Expo official site: www.EMSTodayConference.com

The Journal of Emergency Medical Services online CE program: www.JEMSPrep.com